

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium, comprising:  
a data area including at least two data sections; and  
a linking area to link neighboring data sections, the linking area including at least two frame sync signals, where values of the at least two frame sync signals maintain uniqueness,  
wherein the data area further includes at least one sync signal which is different from the  
at least two frame sync signals included in the linking area.
2. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the linking area includes at least two linking frames, a first linking frame and a second linking frame, wherein at least one frame sync signal is included in each linking frame.
3. (Original) The recording medium of claim 2, wherein each linking frame includes at least one frame sync signal at a front of the linking frame.
4. (Previously Presented) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein each frame sync signal includes a frame sync number and a frame sync ID.
5. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the data area includes at least one sync signal.
6. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the at least two frame sync signals in the linking frames are different from a plurality of sync signals ~~the at least one sync signal~~ in the data area.

7. (Previously Presented) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein said at least two frame sync signals are different from sync signals written on a rewritable or recordable recording medium during data recording.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The recording medium of claim 4, wherein each frame sync ID is one of '100 101', '101 010', '010 101' and '101 001'.

10. (Original) The recording medium of claim 9, wherein a frame sync signal written in a first linking frame is '100 101' and a frame sync signal written in a second linking frame is '101 010'.

11. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The recording medium of claim 10, wherein a value of '08h' follows the frame sync signal of each linking frame.

14. (Original) The recording medium of claim 13, wherein a value of '00h' follows the value of '08h' for a remainder of the linking frame.

15. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein a signal distance between the at least two frame sync signals maintains uniqueness.

16. (Original) The recording medium of claim 15, wherein the signal distance between the at least two frame sync signals is at least two.

17. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the at least two frame sync signals maintain uniqueness over  $n$  frames, where  $n \geq 2$ .

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a recording medium, comprising:  
forming a linking area to link neighboring data sections of a data area while recording data onto the recording medium, the linking area including at least two linking frames;  
selecting values of at least two frame sync signals, to maintain uniqueness; and  
writing the at least two frame sync signals in the linking area to link the neighboring data sections,

wherein the data area includes at least one sync signal which is different from the at least two frame sync signals included in the linking area.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of reproducing data from a recording medium, comprising:

utilizing a linking area, including at least two frame sync signals, which maintain uniqueness and link neighboring data sections of a data area, to reproduce the data,  
wherein the data area includes at least one sync signal which is different from the at least two frame sync signals included in the linking area.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprises,  
determining whether or not a current position is a linking area based on at least one of the at least two frame sync signals.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprises,  
determining whether a current position is a front or rear of a data section based on the at least one of the at least two frame sync signals.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein a data section has a plurality of frame sync signals, and at least two frame sync signals of the linking area are different from the plurality of frame sync signals of the data section.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein one of the at least two frame sync signals is a frame sync signal of bit pattern “100 101”, and another is a frame sync signal of bit pattern “101 010”.

25. (Previously Presented) A method of recording data on a recording medium, comprising:

utilizing a linking area, including at least two frame sync signals, wherein the at least two frame sync signals maintain uniqueness and are different from a sync signal included in a data area, to record the data.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein a data section of the data area has at least seven different frame sync signals, and the at least two frame sync signals of the linking area are different from the seven different sync signals of the data section.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein one of the at least two frame sync signals is a frame sync signal of bit pattern “100 101”, and another is a frame sync signal of bit pattern “101 010”.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein a first of the at least two frame sync signals and a second frame sync of the at least two frame sync signals are recorded in order between two data sections.

29. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for reproducing a recording medium, comprising:

an optical pickup ~~reading~~ configured to read data of a linking area, which links neighboring data sections of a data area and includes at least two frame sync signals, wherein values of the at least two frame sync signals maintain uniqueness; and

a controlling unit ~~determining~~ configured to determine whether a currently read position is within the linking area based on at least one frame sync signal read by the optical pickup, and

controlling to control a reproduction according to a result of the determination,  
wherein the data area includes at least one sync signal which is different from the at least  
two frame sync signals included in the linking area.

30. – 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the at least two frame sync signals to be used in the linking area are different from a plurality of sync signals of the data area.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the writing step writes at least one frame sync signal in each linking frame of the linking area.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the at least one frame sync signal is written at a front of each linking frame of the linking area.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein each of the at least two frame sync signals includes a frame sync number and a frame sync ID.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the at least two frame sync signals are different from those written on a writable recording medium.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the selected values of each of the at least two frame sync signals are different from values of frame sync signals of the data area.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the selected values of the at least two frame sync signals are different from each other.

40. (Currently Amended) An apparatus of claim 29, wherein the controlling unit is

configured to control ~~controls~~ the reproduction such that data within the neighboring data sections of the data area is reproduced continuously if it is determined that a currently read position is not the linking area, and data within the linking area is not reproduced if it is determined that the currently read position is the linking area.

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